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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT

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Critique of Professor Stevens' Public
Speaking Course

Herewith are the comments you requested for transmittal to the Executive Director:

Professor Stevens did a first-rate job of instructing the class. He knew his subject thoroughly, communicated his ideas well, and applied his experience intelligently.

It isn't easy to take a room full of CIA senior executives and get them to feel comfortable about revealing individual weaknesses to one another. Professor Stevens achieved this in a masterful way and by the time the course was over most personal speaking inhibitions were gone.

Professor Stevens' course exposed me to new, workable methods and techniques. His lectures were stimulating, constructive, and filled with good humor. I heartily endorse similar sessions in the future. It's a drain on the normal working day but well worth the extra effort if one is interested.

/s/

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